GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of failure to safeguard the ZPP funds misused/diverted – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada – Inquiry report communicated with disagreement factor - Imposition of penalty of "Withholding of Two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" under Rule 9 (vi) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.207 **Dated:04/03/2024**

Read the following:-

1. V&E Report No.59 from the GA(V&E) Dept., dated:07.04.2014.
2. Govt. Memo. No.8316/Vig.III/A2/2014-2, Dated:22/09/2014.
3. From the CPR., Charge.Memo.No.8118/CPR&RDE2.Vig/2014, dt:16.02.2015.
4. WSD of Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District, dated:13.04.2015.
5. G.O.Rt.No.684, PR&RD (VIG.III) Dept., dt:05.06.2018.
6. From the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Lr.No.518236/CPR&RD/VIG/2014, dated:20.07.2020.
7. Govt. Memo. No.8316/Vig.III/A2/2014, Dated:02/08/2020.
8. Representation of Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District, dt: .09.2020.
9. Govt. Memo. No.480039/VIG.III/A2/2018, Dated:17/09/2023.
10. Representation, dt:08.11.2023 of Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General (V&E), A.P., has submitted the Vigilance Report on the petition of Sri Thota Thrimurthulu, Hon'ble MLA of Ramachandrapuram Constituency against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District and three (03) others, on irregularities of failing proper maintenance of records and missing of sand seigniorage cash book for the year 2011-2012. Accordingly, the Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyderabad, has been requested to take necessary action as per the recommendations of D.G (V&E), vide reference 2nd read above.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, among others, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, A.P., has issued Article of charges against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District, under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In the reference 4th read above, the Charged Officer, has submitted his Written Statement of Defense duly denying the charges framed against him and requested to drop further action against him.

3. After examination of the Written Statement of Defense submitted by the Charged Officer, as it is not convinced, the Government, have decided to conduct common enquiry against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and three (03) others, for failing to safeguard the ZPP funds misused/diverted and failed to perform his legitimate duties. Accordingly, orders have been issued in the reference 5th read above to appoint Sri M. Sudhakar Rao, Additional Commissioner, O/o the Director, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Vijayawada as an Inquiry Authority and Chief Executive Officer, East Godavari District as Presenting Officer to conduct common inquiry into

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the charges framed against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District and three (03) other Charged Officers involved in this case.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Commissioner, PR&RD., A.P., has submitted the enquiry report, wherein Inquiry Officer has stated that charge is not proved against the Charged Officer, Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District. Whereas, keeping in view the remarks of the Charged Officer, Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer, with the disagreement factor that he did't bring the facts of procedural irregularities occurred/happened in making payments to the notice of authorities, vide reference 9th read above.

5. In the reference 10th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District has submitted a representation requesting the kind authorities/Government to exonerate him from the charges as considering his explanation and the findings of the Inquiring Authorities and to drop further action and do justice on humanitarian grounds.

6. After careful examination of the matter, the Government, have decided to impose punishment of withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect, against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District, under Rule-9(vi) of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, as he failed to safeguard the ZPP funds misused/diverted and failed to perform his legitimate duties.

7. Accordingly, the Government, hereby order to impose the punishment of withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District, under Rule-9 (vi) of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991.

8. The Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur Dist., shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESHA)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District (through Commissioner, PR&RD)
The Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District, (with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders)
Copy to:
The Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Kakinada.
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Office, Kakinada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy. CM (PR&RD).
The PS to Spl. CS (PR&RD)
The PR&RD (Estt.-V) Dept.
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